

Specification Amendments

Please amend the paragraph of lines 8-18 of the specification as follows:

-- Compounds to be photolyzed in the dry state were first dissolved in an appropriate solvent to give 1 mM solutions. 5 μ l of each solution were pipetted onto a polystyrene surface and the solvent was removed. The dried compounds were then irradiated directly employing a set-up analogous to that described in Example 37, but without a polarization filter and a 100 W high pressure mercury lamp (Osram Sylvania Inc., Danvers, MA). Samples of every compound were exposed for different time periods and the resulting amounts of the educt and deblocked nucleoside were determined by HPLC as described in Example 37. The results obtained for a series of differently protected deoxythymidines are set forth in Figure 2, which displays the rate of ~~photolytic~~ photolytic decay of the protected deoxythymidines and Figure 3, which displays the rate of formation of the deoxythymidines, --